

Incredible Insects Educator Trunk

The *Incredible Insects Educator Trunk* is geared towards educating students in grades PreK-2nd but can be adapted to use with younger or older students. This trunk explores the world of insects through the use of books, classroom activities, individual activities, and insect nets and bug jars. Whether you choose to dress-up like a ladybug or read “A Luna Moth’s Life,” you are sure to learn about insect life cycles, metamorphosis, and beneficial insects.

The *Incredible Insects Educator Trunk* Includes:

TRUNK GUIDE

BOOKS

“The Honeybee and the Robber” by Eric Carle
“The Very Lonely Firefly” by Eric Carle
“The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle (Small, Soft bound)
“The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle (Small, Hard Bound)
“The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle (Huge, Soft Bound)
“Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!” by Mary Reid
“Bugs” by Parker and Wright
“Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!” by Bob Barner (Hard Bound)
“Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!” by Bob Barner (Soft Bound)
“A Luna Moth's Life” by John Himmelman
“From Caterpillar to Butterfly” by Deborah Heiligman
“Where Do Insects Live?” by Canizares and Reid
“Where's That Insect?” by Brenner and Chardiet
“Bugs for Lunch” by Margery Facklam
“Insectlopedia” by Douglas Florian
“What Do Insects Do?” by Canizares and Chanko
“Usborne First Nature: Butterflies and Moths”
“Inch by Inch” by Leo Lionni
“National Audubon Society First Field Guide to Insects”

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Build Your Own Bug (Stamps and Pads)
Metamorphosis Card Game
Playdough and Cookie Cutters
From Caterpillar to Butterfly Book (Metamorphosis Models, 2 Sets: 4 Caterpillars, 4 Pupae, 2 Butterflies)
Insect Lotto
The Bug Game
Helpful/Harmful (9 Plastic Bugs and Activity Poster)
Backyard Bugs Floor Puzzle
Bug Dominoes
Bug Box Example

SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES

22 Assorted Plastic Insects
Covered Container of Sand
Bug Rubbing Plates and Crayons
Backyard Bugs Pattern and Sequencing Cards with 36 Plastic Bugs
Lace and Trace Bugs

Dragonfly Eyes (3)
Butterfly Life Cycle Puzzle
Magnetic Bug Collecting Game (2)

TEACHER DIRECTED LARGE GROUP

Metamorphosis Sequencing Cards
Ricker Display Mount of Metamorphosis
"What is an Insect" by Canizares and Reid (book)
"Butterfly" by Susan Canzares (book)
3 Magazine Articles
Milkweed Theater
Up, Up, and Away!
Insect Zoo

6 Posters
Metropolitan Bug Poster and booklet
Bugs You Won't Believe
Garden Friends
Grasshopper
Fuzzy, Buzzy, Bees
Insects

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Sting Circles (25)
Magnifier Boxes
11 Small
3 Large
Insect Nets (12)
Bug Jars (12)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Basket of Bugs (12 Butterflies, 12 Caterpillars, 28 Misc. Bugs)
Large Model of Grasshopper
Bug Body Parts Put-together Poster (Ant)

COSTUMES

Ladybug (Wings and Hat)
Ladybug (Zip-up Suit)
Butterfly Wings
Mosquito Wings
Antenna (2)

PUPPETS (41 total)

Large Cricket (1)
Firefly (1)
Woolly Bear Caterpillars (2)
Dragonfly Finger Puppets (3)
Bee Finger Puppets (6)
Monarch Butterfly Finger Puppets (4)
Caterpillars/Worms (3)
Ladybug Finger Puppets (3)
Luna Moth Finger Puppets (5)
Large Ant (1)
Large Caterpillar (1)
Mosquito Finger Puppets (3)
Preying Mantis Finger Puppets (3)
Varied Butterfly Finger Puppets (5)